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"(c) & (d) The supersession of the Committee has been extended for a further period of one year from 25th February 1953. The normal management can be restored only on the expiry of the extended period."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—"In view of the fact that the Society has returned to normalcy, why did the Government extend the period of supersession by one more year?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"I am not prepared to accept the first part of the question that the Society has returned to normalcy."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—"What were the irregularities that warranted the supersession and were those defects rectified after the appointment of a Special Officer?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"There are very many defects. If the hon. Member wants to know all the defects, I will supply him with a list. But for satisfying his curiosity, I will mention two defects. The first is that the ex-president violated the Gur Control Order of 1950 and sold jaggery at a price higher than the ceiling rate fixed in the order during the jaggery season 1950-51. The second is that the Committee failed to take prompt action to recover the amounts due to the Society."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—"May I know, Sir, what are the conditions that forced the Government to extend the period of supersession?" 9-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"The only condition is that the society has not come to the normal status."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"Sir, the Hon. Minister was telling us the reason why the society was superseded and a Special Officer appointed. The supersession has been extended by another year. May I know whether the Special Officer has failed in his duties and all the defects that were being committed by the society are persisted in by the Special Officer also now?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"Sir, the Special Officer will not commit such mistakes. As a matter of fact, it will take much longer time than one year to rectify the defects committed by the ex-president."

Attappady-Thadakam road, Malabar district.

* 352 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any work has been started in the Attapady-Thadakam road in the Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"No. Investigation on the work has been completed and the estimate and plans are under scrutiny."

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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" As this is the only road in the village the area of which is about 300 square miles, will the Government consider the matter and take up the work immediately?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" That is why, Sir, the work has been taken up."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, the other day, answering a question, the Hon. Minister was saying that famine conditions prevailed in Attapady area. Considering the famine prevailing there, will the Government expedite the work?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, what is the cost of construction of this road, and why is there so much delay in entrusting this work to a contractor?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This work is estimated to cost Rs. 10 lakhs. It is to be met from the State allocation from the Central Road Fund. The estimate is now complete."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Hon. Ministers, especially the Finance Minister and other Ministers, are saying now and then that Malabar is a hill tract, and as a consequence thereof, the price of rice has increased so much for want of transport facilities. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to note that investment on the construction of roads is only to enable the Government as well as the people to get rice at cheaper rates, and will the Hon. Minister give preference and prominence to the construction of these roads in this unfortunate hill tract?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question."

Relaxation of age-limit for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.

* 353 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government allow a relaxation of age-limit in the case of Government servants who are members of the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes; and

(*b*) if so, in which cases?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Relaxation of age rule for first appointment to a service by direct recruitment or transfer is made in deserving cases. Members of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes are given special consideration."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" In view of the fact that most of the people are not getting benefit out of this concession, will the Government consider it desirable to extend the concession to